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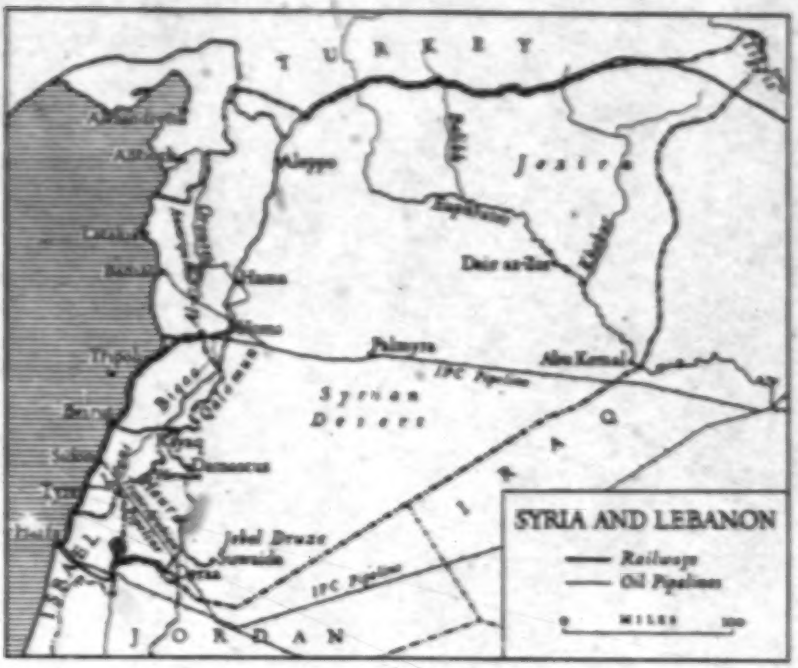

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crescent which (starting from the Iraqi border) comprises the Jezira, the countryside of Aleppo, Homs, and Hama, and the fertile and beautiful Biqaa valley. The cultivation of cotton and cereals is particularly successful in the north-eastern corner of Syria where there has been great general development in the last five or six years. From Homs one road leads south to the Biqaa valley which continues between the two mountain ranges of Lebanon and Anti-Lebanon, past Zahle to the southern border of Lebanon. Farther inland is the road to Damascus which passes to the east of the Anti-Lebanon over the Qalamun plateau. This is mostly barren land, reaching over 2,000 feet; the areas of cultivation usually need more water, but suffer occasionally from bad floods. The oasis of Damascus is known as the Ghouta and there every drop of water in the two rivers is made use of, by an ancient system of canals which follow the contours and provide water lavishly as they gradually lose height. Between Damascus and Jordan lies the Hauran plateau much of which is about 2,000 feet above sea-level; here there is cultivation of cereals but few trees are now left and there is insufficient water to ensure good crops each year.

(4) *The Desert.* To the south and to the east of the Fertile Crescent there spreads a desert that extends southward for over

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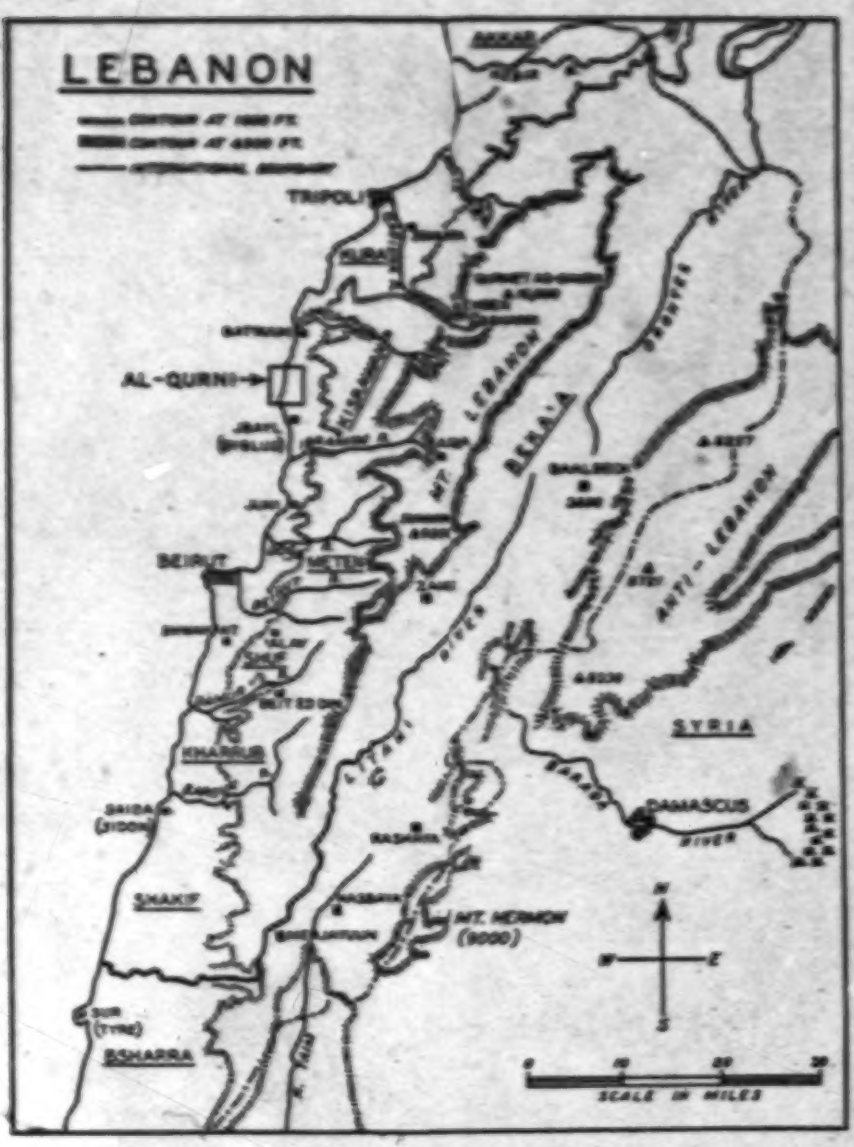

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Haifa
Nablus
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Tel Aviv
Jaffa
Damascus
Baalbek
Hasbaya
Rashaya
Zahle
Beyrouth
Sidon
Tyre
Safad
Tiberias
Nazareth
Jenin
Tulkarm
Hebron
Beersheba
Gaza
Dead Sea
Jordan
Sea of Galilee
Mt. Hermon
Mt. Lebanon
Anti-Lebanon
Litani R.
Orontes R.
Jordan R.
Yarmuk R.
Zerka R.
Arnon R.
Wadi Sirhan
Azraq
Amman
Irbid
Jerash
Ajlun
Es Salt
Madaba
Kerak
Tafila
Ma'an
Aqaba
Gulf of Aqaba
Suez Canal
Port Said
Ismailia
Suez
Cairo
Alexandria
Rosetta
Damietta
Nile R.
Delta
Sinai
Gaza
Rafah
El Arish
Qantara
Bir Gifgafa
Mitla Pass
Gidi Pass
Nakhl
Ras Muhammad
Gulf of Suez
Bitter Lakes
Lake Timsah
Lake Manzala
Lake Menzaleh
Lake Burullus
Lake Mariout
Lake Edku
Lake Idku
Lake Maryut
Lake Qarun
Lake Fayum
Lake Nasser
Lake Nubia
Lake Tana
Lake Victoria
Lake Albert
Lake Rudolf
Lake Chad
Lake Tchad
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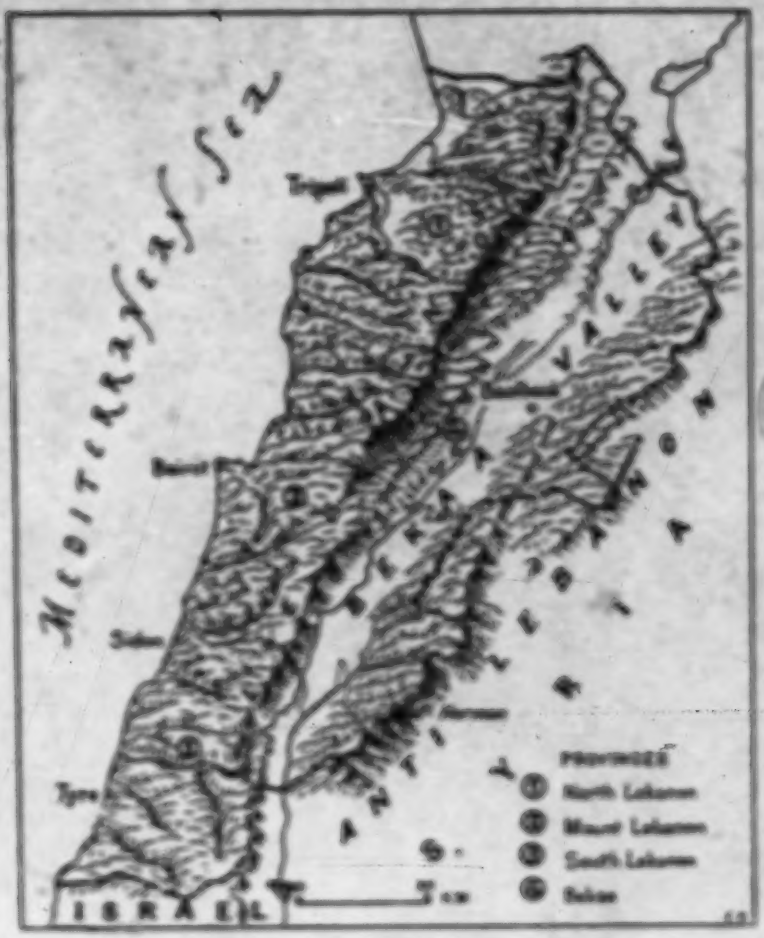

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